

### **REMARKS**

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 2, 2004. In view of the foregoing amendments, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The above amendment cancels claims 1-21, and thus allowed claims 22-30 are the only claims currently pending in the present application. Accordingly, the present application is now clearly in condition for allowance. The Examiner therefore is requested enter the above amendment and pass this case to issue.

In the event that the Examiner has any comments or suggestions of a nature necessary to place this case in condition for allowance, then the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney by telephone to promptly resolve any remaining matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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